



Complainant / Plaignant

Respondent / Intimé

Case No. / Dossier n°

Chris BROWN

Ottawa-Carleton Regional  
District Health Council

40-261E

IN RESOLUTION OF THE ABOVE-CITED MATTER/the following terms of settlement are agreed to by the parties and are subject to approval of the Ontario Human Rights Commission, pursuant to Section 42 of the Human Rights Code:

AFIN DE REGLER LA QUESTION SUSMENTIONNÉE, les parties acceptent le règlement suivant qui devra être approuvé par la Commission ontarienne des droits de la personne, conformément à l'article 42 du Code des droits de la personne:

WHEREAS Chris Brown filed a complaint with the Human Rights Commission dated August 19, 1986, alleging discrimination with respect to services, goods and facilities on the basis of Handicap (environmental hypersensitivity) contrary to the Human Rights Code,

and

WHEREAS the parties wish to resolve the matter amicably, it is THEREFORE agreed that:

1. The Respondent hereby acknowledges and reaffirms its mandate as follows:
  - i) to identify local health care needs and examine ways of meeting them;
  - ii) To establish short-term and long-term health priorities;
  - iii) to carry out and co-ordinate such health care planning activities into an effective and efficient system;
  - iv) to work toward co-operation with the social development activities of the region.
2. The respondent recognizes environmental hypersensitivity as a disabling physical condition and will explore positive, constructive methods to redress inequities which may have existed in the community the effects of which may still affect the health of persons with environmental hypersensitivity.
3. As part of its commitment to consult with the community of health concerns, the Ottawa-Carleton Regional District Health Council extends an invitation to Mr. Chris Brown to address its Executive on the issue of environmental hypersensitivity as soon as a meeting can be arranged.
4. As part of its effort to promote interest in Healthy Public Policy development as a means of increasing professional and public awareness and understanding of environmental hypersensitivity and of the people affected by it, the Respondent agrees to organize an education workshop on the topic.



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5. The Respondent will invite the participation of the Academy of Medicine and the Ontario Ministry of Health and will invite the participation and explore co-sponsorship of the Human Ecology Foundation of Canada and/or the Allergy and Environmental Health Association of Ontario. Invitations to attend as participants will be extended to the local medical profession, the public health department, institutional organizations, consumer and community organizations, the media, and other interested parties.
6. The educational workshop will address the nature and extent of environmental hypersensitivity, possible preventive and remedial measure including treatment and accommodation issues and the promotion of a wider understanding of the problem. It will specially deal with some of the problems associated with the condition in such areas as: identification of patients (diagnosis and treatment), reasonable accommodations, related social services, responsiveness of education and other institutions, etc.
7. The District Health Council will organize and conduct a one-day workshop on environmental hypersensitivity within four calendar months of receipt of written approval of the request for special project funding from the Ontario Ministry of Health.
8. The District Health Council will write formally to the Minister of Health asking for a statement of the provincial government's position on environmental hypersensitivity and the status of the recommendations made in the Thomson report of 1985.
9. Upon the execution of the terms of this agreement, upon assurances of the Respondent to keep the issue of environmental hypersensitivity part of its continuing study and promotion of Healthy Public Policy; and an undertaking by the Complainant to provide advice and comment when requested during the planning of the workshop, the Complainant will consider the matter resolved to his satisfaction. Upon approval by the Ontario Human Rights Commission, the parties agree to be bound by the provisions of this agreement.

WITNESS WHEREOF this agreement has been executed by the parties:  
FOI DE QUOI les parties signent le présent accord:

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PROVED By the Ontario Human Rights Commission.

PROUVÉ par la Commission ontarienne des droits de la personne.

Commissioner OHRC/Par: Commissaire de la CODP

Date